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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following violations that were committed on the Kuwaiti side of the demilitarized zone:

1. At 1645 hours on 2 March 1999 three black helicopters, two of them of the Apache type, were seen heading from the Abdali area towards Samitah in the demilitarized zone. They then returned to Kuwaiti territory.

2. At 1730 hours on 2 March 1999 three khaki-coloured helicopters armed with missiles were seen coming from the area opposite the Safwan post, flying parallel to the Kuwaiti side and heading towards the sea. They were flying at low altitude and passed over the position of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) on their way.

3. At 1000 hours on 11 March 1999 a grey helicopter was seen coming from inside Kuwaiti territory towards boundary pillar 104. It then headed towards the Kuwaiti berm and from there turned towards the sea.

These are clear-cut violations on the part of Kuwait and, since they are in breach of the rules governing the demilitarized zone and create tension in the area, the Government of Iraq demands that there be no repetition of such actions in future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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